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NEWSPAPERS

CHIC DAILY NEWS (GRUENBERG) DATELINE LIMA

" THIS NATION UNDER LEFTIST MILITARY RULE APPEARS NOT TO
REGARD THE CUBAN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA WITH THE SAME
CONCERN THAT HENRY KISSINGER DOES.

"PERUVIAN F.M., AFTER A 90-MINUTE CONFERENCE WITH SECRETARY,
WAS ASKED BY CHICAGO DAILY NEWS WHETHER HE VIEWED CUBAN
ISSUE AS SERIOUS ONE, AT LEAST ALONG LINES THAT KISSINGER
HAS BEEN EMPHASIZING.

F.M." REPLIED THAT PERU IS SITUATED 'FAR FROM ANGOLA,' THEN
ADDED IN UNMISTAKABLY DECISIVE TONES:

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'PERU SUBSCRIBES TO A POLICY OF NON-INTERVENTION, AND WE

ACCEPT, FOR NO REASON WHATSOEVER, ANY INTERVENTION IN PERUVIAN AFFAIRS, AND WE FOLLOW THE SAME POLICY TOWARD OTHER COUNTRIES.'

"WITHOUT SAYING SO DIRECTLY," FM"INTIMATED THAT IT WOULD BE UNREASONABLE FOR KISSINGER TO EXPECT ANY SUPPORT FROM PERU ON THE ISSUE, EVEN THOUGH OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, NOTABLY VENEZUELA AND BRAZIL, ARE SAID BY U.S. OFFICIALS TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT CUBA'S NEW BRAND OF 'REVOLUTION EXPORTATION.'

"DE LA FLOR ADDED THAT 'FOREIGN FORCES' HAD ENTERED ON ALL SIDES IN THE ANGOLAN CONFLICT, CREATING, HE SAID, 'A CONFUSED SITUATION.'

"THE PERUVIAN LEADER REFUSED TO SAY WHETHER HE HAD SO INFORMED KISSINGER AS BLUNTLY....

"POSITION STATED BY DE LA FLOR OFFERS LITTLE COMFORT TO KISSINGER, WHOSE PAUL REVERE-LIKE JOURNEY IS DESIGNED TO SHOW CONCERN FOR THE CUBAN INTERVENTION ALONG WITH HIS DESIRE TO SPREAD THE 'NEW DIALOGUE' WITH LATIN AMERICA.

"A FEW HOURS EARLIER, IN A WELCOME AT LIMA'S AIRPORT 'BY MY FRIEND, THE GENERAL,' (DE LA FLOR), KISSINGER HAD DECLARED:

'PERU HAS PLAYED A RESPONSIBLE ROLE IN ITS POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT, BUT AT THE SAME TIME WE ARE PART OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE AND WE MEET TOGETHER FREQUENTLY TO DISCUSS ISSUES OF COMMON CONCERN.'

"IF KISSINGER WAS CONCILIATORY IN TONE ON A MATTER OF SUCH INTENSE INTEREST THAT HE FEELS COMPELLED TO ISSUE CONTINUAL DENIALS THAT HE IS ON A PERSONAL "CRUSADE., 'NEW DIALOGUE'IS MUCH LESS CONCILIATORY IN THE PUBLIC ARENA.

"AT A PRESS CONFERENCE, HE REJECTED CHARGES BY PERUVIAN REPORTERS, IMPLICIT IN THEIR QUESTIONS, THAT THE GREAT THREAT FROM THE 'YANKEE IMPERIALIST' IS THERE. . . ."
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GRUENBERG SUMMARIZES MAIN POINTS WITH LITTLE COMMENT EXCEPT THAT SOME ANSWERS INVOLVED "CLEVER PARRYING - TAKING ADVANTAGE OF SUPERIOR KNOWLEDGE OF CLOSELY READ REPORTS OF CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND OTHER SOURCES". . .

WIRES

1. AP (FREED FROM BRASILIA): "SECRETARY . . . ARRIVED IN BRAZIL . . . FROM PERU, WHERE HE WARNED THE LEFTIST MILITARY REGIME THAT JOINING THE NON-ALIGNED BLOC OF NATIONS ROBS IT OF FLEXIBILITY IN FOREIGN POLICY. . . .

"SHORTLY BEFORE KISSINGER LEFT LIMA, RIOT POLICE USED A WATER CANNON TO BREAK UP A DEMONSTRATION BY ABOUT 30 LEFTIST STUDENTS WHO THREW ROCKS AT THE U.S. EMBASSY, SMASHING EIGHT WINDOWS IN THE BUILDING'S ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED, BUT WITNESSES SAID SEVERAL DEMONSTRATORS WERE SEIZED.

"KISSINGER WAS ABOUT 20 BLOCKS AWAY IN THE PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY WHEN THE PROTEST ERUPTED."

2. REUTERS (NELSON FROM BRASILIA), "SECRETARY . . . ARRIVED HERE TODAY TO SIGN A UNIQUE AND POTENTIALLY CONTROVERSIAL CONSULTATIVE AGREEMENT. . .

"THE AGREEMENT. . . ENVISAGES REGULAR CONSULTATIONS AT THE FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL ON THREE BROAD AREAS -- TRADE, TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND WORLD PROBLEMS.

U.S. OFFICIALS ABOARD THE AIRPLANE. . . SAID THEY ANTICIPATED APPREHENSION AMONG SOUTH AMERICAN NATIONS SUSPICIOUS OF BRAZIL'S AMBITIONS.

"BUT THEY INSISTED THE U.S. WAS NOT ANNOINTING BRASIL AS ITS HENCHMAN IN LATIN AMERICA OR ATTEMPTING TO APPOINT BRAZIL AS THE LEADER OF LATIN AMERICA.

"RATHER, THEY SAID, THE AGREEMENT MARKED U.S. RECOGNITION OF BRAZIL'S DRAMATIC EMEREGENCE AS A POWER IN WORLD UNCLASSIFIED

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ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL FORUMS. . . .

"U.S. OFFICIALS ACKNOWLEDGED THE POSSIBILITY OF LEFTWING CHARGES THAT THE AGREEMENT REPRESENTS U.S. ENDORSEMENT OF WHAT SOME SEE AS BRAZIL'S EXPANSIONIST AIMS.

"BRAZIL, THE MOST POPULOUS NATION IN LATIN AMERICA, IS BELIEVED BY THE UNITED STATES TO BE FACING A THREE-WAY CHOICE: TO ATTEMPT ENTRY INTO THE INDUSTRIAL WORLD, TO BE A BRIDGE BETWEEN THE INDUSTRIAL AND THE DEVELOPING NATIONS OR TO CAST ITS LOT WITH THE DEVELOPING WORLD."

3. UPI (WALTE FROM BRASILIA), THE "SECRETARY . . . WARNED THURSDAY THE UNITED STATES WILL RESIST FUTURE FOREIGN MILITARY ADVENTURES BY CUBA. HE WELCOMED BRAZIL'S

EMERGENCE AS A HEMISPHERIC POWER AND AN INTERNATIONAL LEADER.

HE "ANNOUNCED A NEW AGREEMENT ON HIGH-LEVEL CLOSE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL ON WORLD AND BILATERAL ISSUES WHICH, WHEN SIGNED SATURDAY, WILL INEVITABLY STRENGTHEN BRAZIL'S POSITION AMONG ITS LATIN AMERICAN NEIGHBORS.

'WE CANNOT ACCEPT THE DISPATCH OF LARGE EXPEDITIONARY FORCES AND VAST AMOUNTS OF WAR MATERIEL TO IMPOSE SOLUTIONS IN LOCAL CONFLICTS ON FAR-AWAY CONTINENTS,' KISSINGER SAID IN A CLEAR REFERENCE TO THE INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA BY CUBA AND THE SOVIET UNION.

"IN A WARNING TO FIDEL CASTRO'S REGIME," THE SECRETARY SAID, 'WE CANNOT BE INDIFFERENT IF A NATION OF THIS HEMISPHERE MAKES IT A SYSTEMATIC PRACTICE TO INTERVENE TO EXACERBATE SUCH CONFLICTS AROUND THE GLOBE.

'THE UNITED STATES IS DETERMINED, AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE, TO RESIST SUCH DANGEROUS AND IRRESPONSIBLE ACTIONS,'

KISSINGER TOLD HIS HOST, BRAZIL'S FOREIGN MINISTER. . .

"KISSINGER SAID THE UNITED STATES WELCOMES BRAZIL "TO HER UNCLASSIFIED

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RIGHTFUL SHARED ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP. . . IN LATIN AMERICA, BRAZIL'S SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ROLE HAS LONG BEEN RECOGNIZED."

TELEVISION

ONLY NETWORK TO COVER SECRETARY WAS ABC.

REASONER, "SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER ARRIVED IN BRAZIL FOR HIS THIRD STOP OF HIS SIX-NATION TOUR OF LATIN AMERICA. HE SPOKE OF BRAZIL AS AN EMERGING WORLD POWER AND HE SAID HE LOOKED TO A NEW ERA IN ITS RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES."
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